

Course Requirements

Beginning in June 2018, applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree plus the required prerequisite courses and documented patient care experience as follows:

Prerequisite Courses

Take the following required courses:

> Natural Sciences

BIOL 101	Human Anatomy	5
BIOL 102	Human Physiology	5
BIOL 223	Medical Terminology	2
BIOL	2 additional biology courses*	5+5
CHEM 111+L	General Chemistry I + Lab	4+1
CHEM 112+L	General Chemistry II + Lab	4+1
CHEM 113+L	General Chemistry III + Lab	4+1
PHYS 111+12+13	General Physics I, II, III	4+4+4
STAT 222	Introduction to Statistics	4

> Social Sciences

PSYC 121	General Psychology	4
PSYC 234	Human Development	4

> Communication

COMM 105 or COMM 326	Communication & Public Speaking (4) Advanced Public Speaking (3)	
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> Work Experience

Students are required to complete a minimum of 80 hours work experience (volunteer/employee) in a physical therapy department, including 20 hours in an inpatient setting and 20 hours in an outpatient setting. Forty hours must be completed prior to receiving an interview.

PLEASE NOTE: C minus (C-) grades are not transferable for credit to Loma Linda University.

Occupational Information

General Areas of Service

The physical therapist aids in the treatment of disease, injury, or disability by employing physical means (light, heat, cold water, electricity, massage, exercise, and other therapeutic rehabilitative techniques; training in ambulation with braces, crutches and prosthetic devices). Working closely with their patients, the therapist uses psychological and sociological principles to motivate and instruct. Professional opportunities exist in hospitals, physicians' offices, children's centers, athletic training and sports medicine programs, research institutions, rehabilitation centers, outpatient clinics, state and national agencies, private practice, and schools of physical therapy.

Professional training

A graduate degree and successfully passing state board examinations are required to enter the profession.

Job Outlook

Employment opportunities are expected to grow for the foreseeable future.

Earnings

Starting salaries average about \$58,000 a year.

For More Information

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The applicant is advised to contact the chair of the LLU Department of Physical Therapy by the fall quarter of the sophomore year.

Representatives from LLU's physical therapy program are on the PUC campus at least once per year. Sign up for your applicant interview during your third year at PUC.

Note: The Physical Therapy program begins in June. Applications are accepted August 1 – October 1.

To apply online, go to: www.ptcas.org

Note: Admission requirements are subject to change each year

*Advanced Human Anatomy (BIOL 422) and Microbiology (MICR 134) are recommended.